

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

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## Public Hearings Scheduled on Request for CWP to Sell to WPSC

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public hearings on October 25<sup>th</sup> on a request for Consolidated Water Power Company (CWP) to sell its electric systems to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC).

CWP is seeking approval to sell most of its electric facilities to WPSC in Biron and Grand Rapids in Wood County and in Grant and Plover in Portage County. The sale would affect approximately 1,150 customers. The sale does not include any of the dams or hydroelectric facilities on the Wisconsin River.

According to the company, the system is now at an age where upgrades are needed in order to provide customers with reliable electric service. WPSC believes they will be able to make the necessary improvements in a cost efficient manner; however customers in the area will likely see an increase in rates.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearings and provide testimony on CWP and WPSC's request. All testimony will be included in the record which the Commission will review as it prepares to make a decision. The PSC also accepts written comments at the public hearings, through mail or electronically through the website at: <a href="http://psc.wi.gov/">http://psc.wi.gov/</a>. The hearings are set to begin:

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Village of Biron Municipal Hall
451 Kahoun Road
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

The hearing location is accessible to people with wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact John Feit at 608-266-5620.

Documents associated with CWP and WPSC's application can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Repository System at http://psc.wi.gov/. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket 5-DR-105 and 5-BS-146.

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